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News worth sharing.

Silence on eviction

► Council can't discuss Occupy Nova Scotia matters that are before courts: City lawyer

Halifax regional council voted down a motion last night to publicly discuss the Remembrance Day eviction of Occupy Nova Scotia protesters because of legal issues.

Coun. Debbie Hum asked council to discuss Occupy Nova Scotia as part of the public agenda, a motion that came two hours after she made a similar motion during a closed, in-camera session. Mayor Peter Kelly and the city's solicitor, Mary Ellen Donovan, ruled that was out of order.

"The advice that has consistently come from this office is that we would never recommend the discussion of matters before the courts in a public forum," said Donovan.

The motion was defeated 16-8. "I won't say they made the wrong (decision)," said Hum, who was seeking an explanation on the timing of the diffusion of Occupy Nova Scotia's Victoria Park camp. "I just think... there's not an opportunity to speak to it."

Later, Kelly cut off Coun. Jennifer Watts as she tried to apolo-

gize for her personal role in council's actions. Watts also tried to request a staff report on the eviction, but Kelly referred her to Donovan.

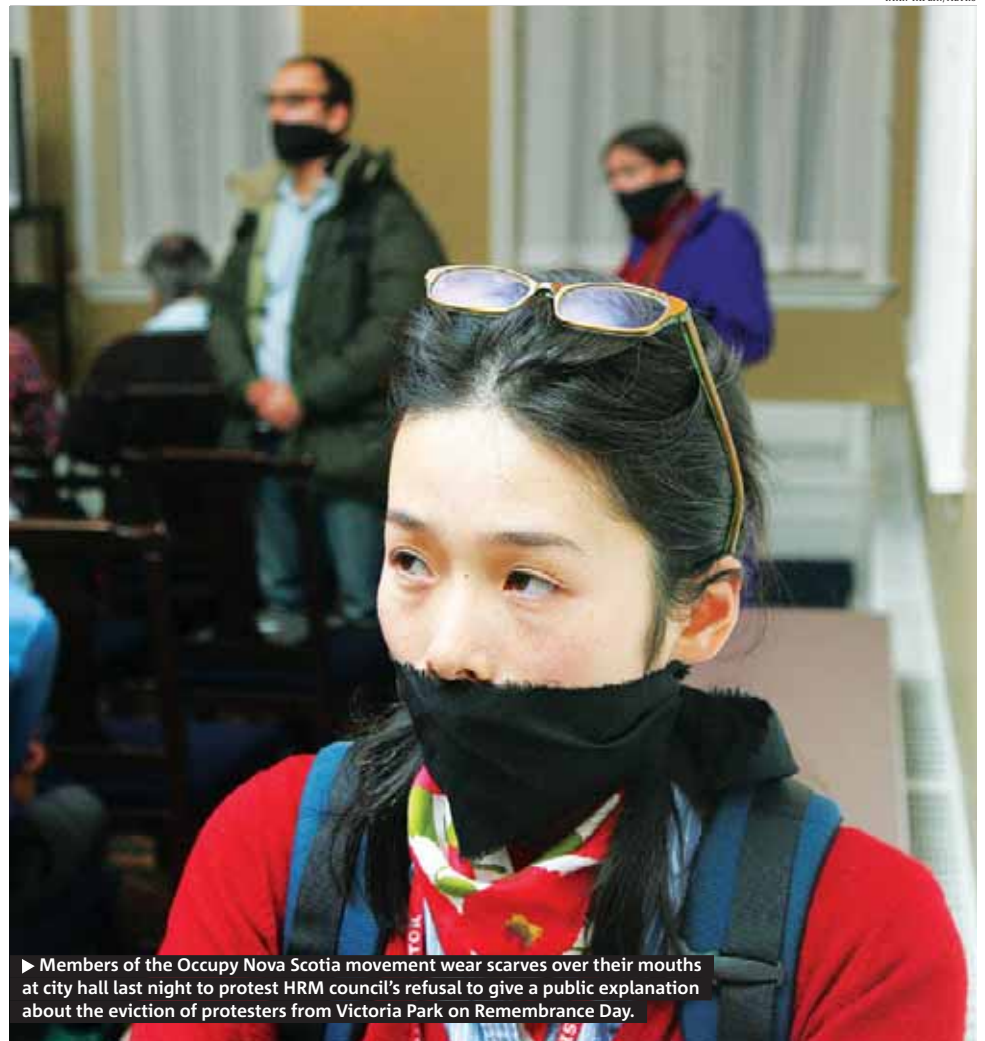
Hum said some councillors have discussed seeking their own legal representation to assist with rules of order.

"Sometimes we feel stifled by the solicitor's recommendations.... They're there to support HRM, but who's there to support the public?"

Supporters of Occupy Nova Scotia, who gathered outside, were disappointed by council's decision.

"I voted those people in, and I think it's their responsibility to be accountable to me," said Laura Neals, 24.

Police were scattered throughout city hall last night, including one officer in a room where overflow visitors watched council proceedings from a television. After Hum's motion was defeated, three people in the room donned black gags and stood facing that officer in an act of protest. ● ADRIAN LEE



► Members of the Occupy Nova Scotia movement wear scarves over their mouths at city hall last night to protest HRM council's refusal to give a public explanation about the eviction of protesters from Victoria Park on Remembrance Day.

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Neighbour heard 'bang, bang, boom' in victim's flat

Two neighbours heard loud noises coming from the apartment where Robert Douglas Payne was found dead in 2010, court heard yesterday.

Michael Rae Ells, 30, of Halifax, is charged with second-degree murder in the death of Payne, 48, his former roommate, in their apartment on Fox-

wood Terrace on Feb. 23, 2010.

In the second day of the trial, neighbour Elaine Crawford testified she heard a "bang, bang, boom" coming from the apartment directly above her between 11 p.m. and midnight.

Linda Glistner, who lived in the adjacent apart-

ment, said she, too, heard noise coming from the apartment.

Glistner said she heard what sounded like guys being "rough-and-tumble" or wrestling while she was in her bedroom, which shared a wall with Ells' and Payne's apartment.

It is alleged that Ells stabbed Payne in the

chest. Payne was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Glistner said Payne had been living with Ells for two or three months at the time of the murder.

She also said Payne had health problems and was injecting medication to deal with chronic pain.

Also yesterday, the sec-

ond 911 call that was made from the apartment at 1:33 a.m. was played for the court. The first call was said to be a misdial.

The 911 operator said the caller's name was Michael, but she did not ask his last name. The telephone number was registered to Michael Brown. ● HEATHER GILLIS

Dexter sidesteps Bowater-union talks

Union is asked to slash 120 positions with no guarantee the cuts will keep the mill running



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The concessions being asked of workers at the Bowater Mersey paper mill in Brooklyn are between the union and management, Premier Darrell Dexter says.

At the legislature yesterday, Dexter refused to wade into those waters, saying he won't step between the workers and management.

"That's between them and their employees and, of course, I'm going to let that process play out.

"In my view, this is a very difficult position, and it's very, very hard on the employees. But we need to allow them the opportunity to think about what's being asked of them and to come to their own conclusions about that."

Workers were told Monday that the mill owner has demanded the

"We have really no choice but to accept that.... They have to compete, not only among the mills in Bowater, because they compete internally for investment, but they also compete, of course, externally with all the other mills."

PREMIER DARRELL DEXTER

union shed 80 full-time positions and 30 part-time positions. In addition, the union would have to swallow substantial alterations to the last collective agreement.

Even then, Resolute Forest Products (formerly Abitibi) offered no guarantee the mill would remain open.



► Premier Darrell Dexter acknowledges that the cuts being sought by Bowater Mersey are "very, very hard on the employees," but says he is "going to let that process play out."

Courtney Wentzell, president of Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Local 141, said the ultimatum amounts to a "complete dismantling" of their collective agreement, one that would set a dangerous precedent.

"Nobody has come out

and said how unfair this is, to force 228 people to decide the fate of the mill, the community and collective bargaining in this province," Wentzell said.

He fears that "gutting" the collective agreement to potentially save the

mill could damage labour relations in other sectors of the province.

The union will vote on the proposal today. Wentzell said he could not predict how his members will vote.

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Coun. battling cancer

- ▶ Steve Streach diagnosed last month with cancer of head and neck
- ▶ During eight-week treatment, constituency office will remain open

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In August, Coun. Steve Streach noticed his lymph nodes had swollen up, and felt a bump on his neck. He waited about a week before going to see his family doctor, hoping it was something other than the diagnosis: cancer of the head and neck.

"My first reaction was one of denial. You like to think it's something else," said Streach, who has been the councillor for Eastern Shore-Musquodoboit Harbour for 13 years. "But at the end of the day, with the support of my family and close circle of friends, I am now resigned to fighting this battle, and I feel quite optimistic about the next



▶ Coun. Steve Streach listens to a colleague during last night's council meeting.

few months."

Streach, a 49-year-old grandfather and father of five, has already begun treatment, with chemotherapy last week and radiation treatment starting yesterday. He said because those treatments will leave him more suscep-

tible to infection, doctors have told him to limit contact with others in the coming weeks.

"It sucks, I tell you," he said. "But the fact of the matter is, I really have been impressed by the medical team and I have great faith in their abilities."

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"I feel pretty confident in the people around me and I also feel confident in the medical team and in my own resilience. I'll be back bigger and stronger than ever."

COUN. STEVE STREACH

Streach, who still plans to seek his fifth term in next October's election, said that he will take medical leave from council if necessary, and plans to scale back his public engagements in the next two to three months. However, he promises to remain on council as long as he is comfortable.

Can't keep Smiths away

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It was going to be a short trip for the man in the long jacket, but Kevin Smith is coming back to Halifax.

Halifax fans thought the Nov. 7 show was the last they'd see of the filmmaker and actor for a while, but come December, Jay and Silent Bob will strike back in Halifax after last week's sold-out appearance.

On Nov. 7, Smith and Jason Mewes recorded their chart-topping podcast Jay & Silent Bob Get Old at Citadel High School's Spatz Theatre. The next day, on his Twitter feed, Smith wrote, "Last night's Halifax show was an instant top 10 favourite for me. I love you, Nova Scotia!"

Smith and Mewes' return to Halifax will be the final stop of their five-



▶ Smith

city Canada tour. They'll return to the Spatz Theatre on Dec. 12.

Local singer-songwriter Meaghan Smith also announced yesterday she will perform in Halifax next month.

Smith, who started her musical career in Halifax, was named the best new artist at last year's Juno Awards. Her performance on Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church will be the tenth and final stop on her cross-Canada tour.

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Blaze destroys resort's main lodge

Police say the cause of a spectacular fire that destroyed a popular beach resort in Nova Scotia does not appear to be suspicious.

RCMP say police investigators and the fire marshal's office have both examined the charred remains of White Point Beach Resort near Liverpool.

While the precise cause of the fire remains undetermined, officials say the blaze began in the basement.

The fire Saturday afternoon in the 82-year-old resort's main lodge destroyed the wooden structure.

Owner Robert Risley has said he'll rebuild.

Roughly 100 full- and part-time employees are affected by the closure.

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News in brief

HRM staff to get an E-Pass

SMART TRIP. Halifax Regional Council got on the E-Pass bus last night, approving a pilot project that will allow the city's employers to offer a year-long Metro Transit pass for a discounted rate.

The Smart Trip E-Pass would cost participating employees \$630, for a savings of \$210. The employer would then make up the difference to HRM.

According to a staff report, the project, which will operate on a trial basis with 750 passes initially available, would be considered a success if it increased transit ridership by 75 riders.

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Bill aims to unite fisheries

REGISTRY. Proposed legislation from the provincial government aims to make it easier for fishermen to organize.

Fisheries Minister Sterling Belliveau introduced legislation yesterday that would create an improved registry for fisheries organizations across Nova Scotia's six regional jurisdictions.

Through the registry, the government would enforce the payment of dues to address the issue of "freeloaders," according to Belliveau.

● ALEX BOUTILIER

Lots of bullet holes but no injuries

RIDDLED. Police are investigating after a residence on Cavendish Road in Halifax was hit with several bullet holes.

Police said there were reports of shots being fired on Monday night. Then yesterday, police said a citizen was walking in the area and noticed a bullet on the road. Police identified a nearby building with bullet holes in the window and in the side of the building. The resident was home at the time but didn't hear anything. No one was injured.

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► A cyclist passes through Point Pleasant Park yesterday afternoon. The temperature hit 15 C yesterday while today's forecast calls for sunny skies and a high of 11 C.

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Taking a bike ride on a balmy autumn day

N.S. gets high grade on water report card

- Province receives second-highest score in country
- Federal government receives grade of F



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Nova Scotia has some of the cleanest tap water in the entire country, according to a report card from Ecojustice, a national non-profit drinking-water charity.

The province received an A- score for its provincial drinking-water strategy, which was implemented in 2002, and its strong water-testing and treatment requirements.

"The vast majority of Nova Scotia's drinking-water sources are protected," said Randy Christensen, Ecojustice staff lawyer and author of the report. "It's clear Nova Scotia's drinking-water regulations are in very good shape."

Nova Scotia's grade is an improvement from the B it received in 2006, and Joce-

lyne Rankin, the water coordinator at the Ecology Action Centre, says that progress has been felt.

"Municipalities across HRM should be congratulated for this high national score," said Rankin. "(The province) has continued to maintain this as a high priority in government. We know that clean drinking water equals good health, and I think the province

understands this as well."

However, Rankin said more can be done. She says source water needs to be better protected, as well as ensuring First Nations groups receive the same access to clean drinking water as the rest of the province. Rankin also says a strategy that the province released last year and provides a framework to protect all watersheds needs to

"Thankfully, the province didn't wait for a tragedy to happen here in order to implement a drinking-water strategy."

JOCELYNE RANKIN, ECOLOGY ACTION CENTRE

be implemented.

"We at the EAC really want to make sure we can continue to swim in our lakes and rivers and drink that water as well."

The Ecojustice report comes more than a decade after the Walkerton, Ont., disaster, during which seven people died and 2,500 fell ill from drinking E. coli-infected water. The report suggests much of Canada's tap water is still at risk from contamination.

Nation graded

Ecojustice released its third report card on drinking water in Canada yesterday. Here's how various jurisdictions rated in terms of tap-water safety:

- Ontario: A
- Nova Scotia: A-
- Manitoba: B+
- New Brunswick: B+
- Newfoundland and

- Labrador: B
- Prince Edward Island: B-
- Quebec: B-
- Saskatchewan: B-
- British Columbia: C+
- Northwest Territories: C
- Alberta: C-
- Yukon: D+
- Nunavut: D
- Federal government: F

SOURCE: ECOJUSTICE

Private pension changes presented

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New legislation would expand the types of private pension plans available to Nova Scotian companies.

Currently, most pension plans in the province fall under two categories: defined-benefit plans and defined-contribution plans.

The former guarantees a certain amount of benefits on retirement regardless of contributions or investments, while the latter requires specified contributions the administrator uses to buy the best life annuity available on retirement.

But legislation introduced by Labour Minister Marilyn More would expand those categories to allow for different plan designs, such as joint-sponsored pension plans and specified multi-employer pension plans.

"We hope that, as a result of having more options, there will be more employers who can offer pension plans," More said yesterday.

The proposed legislation would also make information on the health of defined-benefit plans more readily available to plan holders by requiring an annual update on the funded status of the plan.

CITY

School to be rezoned: Council

Halifax Regional Council voted in favour of rezoning the former site of Halifax West High

School, paving the way for a mixed-use development that will feature business space, condominiums and a park.

The six-acre site on Dutch Village Road has been vacant since 2003. More than 20 Fairview residents came to the public hearing last night, with most in favour of the development's projected boon to businesses in the area.

But Tamara Lorincz,

who has lived in Fairview for 12 years, wants a recreational community centre to be built there. "I think it's really sad that council didn't care about the children and youth about the community, because retail space and (a) parking lot isn't going to help them."

Lorincz said over 400 people had signed a petition against the project. Once council has reached a development agreement, she plans to file an appeal with the province, and demanded that Coun. Russell Walker, who represents Fairview-Clayton Park, be recused from the vote for misinforming the public about the development.

► ADRIAN LEE

AG's report comes out tomorrow

The auditor general's office will release its November 2011 report tomorrow.

Auditor general Jacques Lapointe will then table the report in the House of Assembly at 2:15 p.m.

Lapointe delivered his last report, which led to the scrapping of the Industrial Expansion Fund in favour of the slightly different Nova Scotia Jobs Fund, in May.

► ALEX BOUTILIER

Jungle Pets robbery investigated

Police are investigating an armed robbery at Jungle Pets on Tacoma Drive on Monday night.

Store employees say a masked man entered the store just after 6 p.m., pointing a black handgun and demanding cash.

The robber took cash and forced the staff into the back room.

Police believe the man fled in a light blue or silver SUV. ► HEATHER GILLIS



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Can't 'evict an idea': Occupy T.O.

A judge says Occupy Toronto protesters can remain in a downtown park while the merits of a city eviction order are argued in court.

Occupy Toronto protesters went to court yesterday after receiving the eviction notices and are requesting an injunction against the eviction.

The judge says the protesters can't be removed

pending his decision following arguments on Friday, but added that no new structures can be erected in the park.

As police looked on, by-law officers threaded their way between tents and through the mud yesterday morning to put up the notices, which were quickly taken down.

The protesters said the

city could not "evict an idea" whose time had come, and they said they planned to stay.

But some demonstrators said they would leave rather than risk confrontation with police and possible criminal charges.

The protesters took over the park several blocks east of Bay Street on Oct. 15.

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► Police apprehend a protester in Toronto.

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Ouster raises doubts about Occupy future

► New York City protesters gather to discuss options to sustain movement

Crackdowns against the Occupy Wall Street encampments across the country reached the epicenter of the movement yesterday, when police rousted protesters from a Manhattan park and a judge ruled that their free speech rights do not extend to pitching a tent and setting up camp for months at a time.

It was a potentially devastating setback. If crowds of demonstrators return to Zuccotti Park, they will not be allowed to bring tents, sleeping bags and other equipment that turned the area into a makeshift city of dissent.

But demonstrators pledged to carry on with their message protesting corporate greed and economic inequality, either in Zuccotti or a yet-to-be chosen new home.

"This is much bigger than a square plaza in



► New York City police officers keeps a demonstrator affiliated with the Occupy Wall Street movement from entering Zuccotti Park yesterday in New York.

MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

downtown Manhattan," said Hans Shan, an organizer who was working with churches to find places for protesters to sleep. "You can't evict an idea whose time has come."

State Supreme Court Justice Michael Stallman upheld the city's eviction of the protesters after an emergency appeal by the

National Lawyers Guild.

The protesters have been camped out in the privately owned park since mid-September.

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For more news on Occupy Wall Street and its affiliate protests, visit metronews.ca

Judge's ruling

► Supreme Court Justice Michael Stallman denied a motion by the demonstrators seeking to be allowed back into the park with their tents and sleeping bags.

► The protesters "have not demonstrated that they have a First Amendment right to remain in Zuccotti Park, along with their tents, structures, generators and other installations to the exclusion of the owner's reasonable rights ... or to the rights to public access of others who might wish to use the space safely," Stallman wrote.

► New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he ordered the sweep because health and safety conditions and become "intolerable" in the crowded plaza.

Cool. Reception



► Protester Darren Nofall holds up a sign at a National Capital Commission photo-op promoting the capital's annual winter festival, Winterlude.

SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

Bearly occupied

While ice-hog mascots waved, oblivious to the protester behind them, NCC marketing chief Guy Laflamme deflected questions about the impending clash between his organization and the activists in Ottawa's Confederation Park, one of the main venues for Winterlude.

News in brief

Reporters taken into custody

NYC. Journalists have been detained while covering Occupy Wall Street. N.Y. police didn't have a count of how many journalists were arrested and didn't immediately comment.

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News in pictures

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1 Occupy Wall Street protesters clash with police at Zuccotti Park after being ordered to leave their longtime encampment in New York, early yesterday.

2 Police disperse protesters near the encampment at Zuccotti Park. At about 1 a.m. yesterday, police handed out notices from the park's owner and the city saying that the park had to be cleared.

3 A protester is arrested during a march on Broadway after police ordered demonstrators to leave the park.

4 Sanitation workers gather at the site to start the cleanup effort.

5 Two protesters and their dog, who said they have slept with other protesters for the last 56 nights, sit along a police barricade at the edge of Zuccotti Park.

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Her road to recovery

► Congresswoman gives first interview since being attacked, shot in head

U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, struggling to form the words in her first extended interview since being shot in the head in a January rampage, said she

will not return to Congress until she is "better."

"No. Better," she said in response to a question about whether she wanted to return to Congress. As

she gestured as if to help her form the words, her husband, Mark Kelly, completed the thought: "She wants to get better."

The story of the recover-

ing congresswoman and her astronaut husband, titled Gabby: A Story of Courage and Hope was released yesterday.

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Assisted suicide findings complete

► Report two years in the making makes recommendations to Tories

A long-awaited experts' report on how Canada and Canadian families handle the end of life calls on the federal government to decriminalize euthanasia and assisted suicide.

And if Ottawa won't cooperate, the panel says provinces should go it alone, by making clear they won't prosecute health-care professionals involved in assisted dying.

"Assisted suicide and voluntary euthanasia should be legally permitted for competent individuals who make a free and informed decision that their life is no longer worth living," says the report by the Royal Society of Canada's expert panel on end-of-life decision-making.

The report took two years. It brought together a panel of experts on medicine, philosophy, ethics and health to look at what is being done in other countries, examine Canadian practices and sentiments, and formulate recommendations.

The panel was meant to be neutral, to inform rational debate and lead to solid policy in an area that is always emotional and controversial.

Right to die

Fighting it out in the courts.

- Sedating terminally ill patients into unconsciousness to ease their pain until they die is a treatment option available to doctors, but one palliative-care specialist says he's not sure doctors should be able to go the next step and deliberately hasten their deaths.
- B.C. Civil Liberties lawyer Joe Arvey is arguing in B.C. Supreme Court that physicians should be given the right to help seriously ill patients end their lives. He says the safeguards in place for palliative care already provide the foundation.

But the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of Ontario dismissed the report before it was even public, saying at least one of the panel members is a noted euthanasia advocate.

"When we further investigated the panel members it was clear that ... this report would be a pro-euthanasia propaganda report," the group said in a news release Monday.

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Memo warns of illegal arms trade

► Minister quick to dismiss own department's analysis on ending registry of rifles and shotguns

Scrapping the requirement to register rifles and shotguns could fuel illegal firearms trafficking across the Canadian border, warns an internal federal memo.

It says the move would weaken import controls by eliminating a requirement for border officials to verify firearms coming into the country.

"Such a loophole could facilitate unregistered prohibited and restricted firearm trafficking into and through Canada," says the declassified memo, originally marked secret.

The memo was released under the Access to Information Act to the National Firearms Association and posted along with hundreds of other pages on the

Law enforcement

► The Public Safety memo also says elimination of the registry would "significantly compromise" law enforcement's ability to trace firearms in Canada — for instance, linking a weapon left at a crime scene with an individual owner — or to support foreign police forces trying to do the same.

organization's website.

It was prepared by Mark Potter, a senior Public Safety Department official, for an assistant deputy minister as Parliament was debating a private member's bill to kill the registry.

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► Shooting Edge range officer Patrick Deegan displays long guns at the store in Calgary.

Brother was keen on pics of dead sisters

Largely unmoved by the variously gentle and aggressive attempts by detectives to get him to confess, Hamed Shafia takes particular interest when he catches sight of some photos.

Held by Det. Sgt. Michael Boyles, the photos are of his sisters' bodies, having been found dead inside a Nissan Sentra the family bought just days prior, submerged in a canal at Kingston Mills.

At the trial where Hamed, 20, his father Mohammed Shafia and mother, Tooba Yahya, are all charged with murder, jurors yesterday were shown Hamed's interrogation by police.

Boyles, of the Kingston Police Force, at first hesitates to show Hamed the photos. "Please," Hamed pleads. Boyles relents.

Boyles uses the photos to prod Hamed to tell him what he knows — to get Hamed to explain his father's al-



leged role in the deaths, and his own alleged role.

Your sisters, the officer reasons, "deserve to know the truth Hamed. They deserve better than this. They don't deserve this, Hamed."

"This wasn't for your father to decide. This was for God to decide."

Hamed seems transfixed, but shows no emotion. "We don't have Geeti," he says. The pictures only show the two other sisters.

Found dead in the canal, on June 30, 2009, were Hamed's three sisters, Zainab, 19, Sahar, 17 and 13-year-old Geeti, along with Rona Amir Mohammad, his father's first wife.

Despite all the evidence, Hamed denies everything.

Hamed wants to keep looking at the photos, and Boyles asks him why he would want to "and not say how they got this way?"

Later, after more interrogation, he asks to look at the pictures again.

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News in brief

Attack on royal website blocked

LONDON. Scotland Yard's cyber-crime unit helped fend off an attack on the official website of Britain's royal wedding in April, the division's chief said yesterday.

Det. Supt. Charlie McMurdie told a cybersecurity conference that action was taken to safeguard the site, which received 15 million hits when Prince William married Kate Middleton on April 29. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Literary gold rush for author

TORONTO. Vancouver Island native Patrick deWitt says he was plagued with doubt about his comic western novel The Sisters Brothers when it first entered the wild world of publishing.

But that feeling is gone now that the story has struck book-prize gold, winning a \$25,000 Governor General's Literary Award for fiction yesterday — two weeks after it landed the \$25,000 Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize. DeWitt's novel, about two gunslinging brothers en route to California in the gold-rush era of the 1850s, was also nominated for the Man Booker Prize and the Scotiabank Giller.

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Nazi victims eye litigation

MIAMI. Thousands of aging Holocaust survivors in the U.S. want Congress to clear a path for them to sue European insurance companies they contend illegally confiscated Jewish life insurance policies during the Nazi era and have refused to pay an estimated \$20 billion still owed.

A hearing is scheduled today in the House Foreign Affairs Committee on a bill that would provide the survivors with access to U.S. courts and also force companies such as Germany's Allianz SE and Italy's Assicurazioni Generali to disclose lists of policies held by Jews before the Second World War.

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Murderers executed in Ohio and Florida

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Brooks' death ends a nearly six-month break in Ohio's use of capital punishment.

Two U.S. men were executed yesterday, one for killing his three sleeping sons, the other for killing a woman and her two daughters after they visited Disney World.

In Ohio, Reginald Brooks of East Cleveland, who fatally shot his three sons while they slept in 1982, shortly after his wife filed for divorce, was executed with each of his hands clenched in an obscene gesture.

In Florida, Oba Chandler was executed for killing an Ohio woman and her two teenage daughters in June 1989 as the victims returned from a dream vacation to Disney World.

Brooks died first at 2:04 p.m. local time.

Dressed in the standard white T-shirt and blue pants, Brooks declined to make a final statement and remained silent as he received the lethal injection.

Witnesses, which in-

cluded his former wife and her sisters, had a view of his left hand, its middle finger raised.

Prison officials said he was making the same gesture with his right hand.

Brooks' actions appear to have been unprecedented since the state resumed executions in 1999. Condemned Ohio inmates in the past have criticized their sentences, professed their innocence, given angry final statements and pleaded to be spared, but never made an obscene gesture.

At 66, Brooks is the oldest person put to death since Ohio resumed executions in 1999.

In Florida, Chandler, 65, was administered a lethal injection and pronounced dead at 4:25 p.m. local time yesterday at the state prison, Gov. Rick Scott's office said. Chandler's death warrant was the second Scott has signed since taking office.

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Uganda. Unrest



► A Ugandan trader tries to catch fresh air through a hole in a door after police fired tear gas into her locked shop during a demonstration by traders and workers in the capital Kampala yesterday.

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Traders protest power outages

The riot police fired tear gas to disperse the demonstrators who were protesting over what they said was an inability to do their work and business due to prolonged power outages in the East African nation.

Defectors ambush Syrian troops

🟡 Turkey, Jordan, Arab League fed up with president's response to uprising, ready to pressure him to go

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Army defectors ambushed dozens of Syrian troops and regime forces gunned down civilians during one of the bloodiest days of the country's eight-month-old uprising, which appeared yesterday to be spiralling out of President Bashar al-Assad's control.

Up to 90 people were killed in a gruesome wave of violence Monday, activists said. The extent of the bloodshed only came to light yesterday, in part because corpses lying in the streets did not reach the morgue until daylight.

As the bloodshed spiked, al-Assad's former allies were turning on him in rapid succession — a sign of profound impa-

► In this image from amateur video, a boy is shown throwing an object at a vehicle as an army tank burns in Daraa, Syria, on Monday.



tience with a leader who has failed to stem months of unrest that could explode into a regional conflagration.

Amateur video provided by activists showed a fire at the end of an alley send-

ing up a plume of smoke, followed by an explosion. Other videos showed tanks on streets firing their cannons and crowds of people running from the sound of automatic gunfire.

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Support for Taliban drops in Afghanistan

Support for the Taliban among Afghans has steadily declined in recent years and people strongly back a government peace initiative, according to a survey funded in part by the U.S. government.

But the survey released yesterday by the non-profit

San Francisco-based Asia Foundation also showed a population weary of insecurity and corruption, and distressed by poverty and corruption.


The survey found that an overwhelming majority of Afghan adults, 82 per cent, back reconciliation and

reintegration efforts with insurgent groups. It said that the number of people who said they sympathized with the aims of Taliban had dropped to 29 per cent compared to 40 per cent last year and 56 per cent in 2009.

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No bid for Cooke on Clearwater

Canada's largest shellfish and lobster producer Clearwater Seafoods reported improved sales and profitability in the third quarter, factors the company says justify its refusal of a takeover bid by a privately held rival.

Halifax-based Clearwater said yesterday its profit during the period rose to \$5.1 million from \$4.3 million a year ago, while sales grew 6.5 per cent to \$97.6 million — a trend the company said it expects to continue in the next quarter.

Clearwater said its improving share price reflects the growth in its business, and its potential for more growth ahead reinforces its rejection of an offer by Cooke Aquaculture Inc.

to buy the remaining units of Clearwater that it doesn't own for \$3.50 each, valuing the income fund at about \$97.1 million.

Third-quarter earnings and sales benefited from higher prices and a shift to higher-margin species, the company said, partially offset by lower volumes, higher harvesting costs and a stronger Canadian dollar.

"Management is encouraged by the third quarter and year to date 2011 results and the increasing global consumer and customer demand for our premium, wild, sustainably harvested seafood," chief executive Ian Smith said in a statement.

Clearwater Fine Foods Inc., which holds 48.2 per cent of voting rights of the company, has so far refused to sell any of its 4.6 per cent equity stake and has told the board that it does not believe the Cooke bid is a fair one. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

New route for oil pipeline

- ▶ Nebraska conducts own environmental assessment
- ▶ Cost and kilometres added to project undetermined

TransCanada Corp. says it has reached an agreement with the Nebraska government to change the route of its proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline to avoid the ecologically sensitive Sandhills region.

The Calgary-based pipeline giant said it supports Nebraska legislation that ensures the pipeline doesn't cross the expanse of grass-strewn, loose-soil hills, and part of the Ogallala aquifer, which supplies water to Nebraska and seven other states.

The 2,700-kilometre, \$7-billion US pipeline, if built, will carry crude from Alberta's oilsands to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast, traversing six states along the way.

Some of the most heated environmental opposition to the pipeline has come from Nebraska, where

▶ Rep. Tom Griffin speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington yesterday to urge President Obama to approve the Keystone XL pipeline.



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many residents were concerned a spill from the pipeline could pollute water they rely on for farming and ranching.

Last Thursday, the U.S. State Department heeded those concerns, announcing it would delay its decision on Keystone XL until

early 2013 so that the company could come up with a new route. The U.S. State Department has final say on Keystone XL because it would cross an international border.

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Route review

- ▶ Alex Pourbaix, TransCanada's president of energy and oil pipelines, said he expects the review will add six to nine months to the Keystone XL schedule.
- ▶ But a State Department spokesman said that any new route would require a supplemental environmental-impact statement that likely would take more than a year to complete.
- ▶ State Department had already determined the best route — through the Sand Hills — in its final environmental-impact assessment, according to Pourbaix.
- ▶ Last month, Gov. Dave Heineman called a special session to discuss legislation that would give Nebraska the power to change the route
- ▶ TransCanada had the opportunity to discuss alternate routes with Nebraska legislators.

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Charge per user, not for usage: CRTC

► Decision reverses plan to use limited-usage pricing models on smaller Internet providers

The federal telecommunications regulator has rejected a controversial plan that would have allowed the big phone and cable companies to impose a usage-based billing model on Internet service resellers, a system that the Conservative government and many consumers had opposed.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's decision yesterday instead gives the companies a

choice of either charging the smaller Internet providers a flat rate per user or selling the ISPs a specific amount of capacity on their networks.

"The net effect of it is that there will be no caps, no limitations, no metering of use for retail customers as a result of this CRTC decision," CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein said.

The regulator launched its review after a social media campaign launched by

the ISPs and an ensuing public backlash, as well as urging by former industry minister Tony Clement.

Under the new capacity model for billing, a small ISP buys a certain amount of network capacity from one of the big providers, and if its customers unexpectedly increase their usage, their service could slow.

"If they buy too little they have a problem with their end customers, if they

buy too much they pay for something that they don't use," von Finckenstein said.

Industry Minister Christian Paradis said the government would study the decision carefully to ensure it stimulated competition and investment and allowed Canadians to choose. "Let me be clear: our government's policy will always be to encourage competition, ensure consumer choice and minimize regulation," he said in a

statement last night.

Independent Internet service provider TekSavvy was pleased with the structure, but said the actual rates will increase costs for consumers. "The rates approved by the commission today will make it much harder for independent ISPs to compete," TekSavvy CEO Marc Gaudrault said. "This is an unfortunate development for telecommunications competition in Canada." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Life is full of double standards, and here's one of mine: I can admit I protect (and sometimes micromanage) my daughters, 11 and 9, in a way I probably

wouldn't if I had boys.

When I was dating my now-wife in high school — yes, high school sweethearts! — I used to snicker when she had to get home by midnight to turn off her dad's alarm clock. If she didn't beat the alarm, he said he'd go out looking for her, call police, call hospitals. I said I'd never be that kind of dad.

I am that kind of dad. More so because I have girls.

Why? Well, for one thing, I'm fully aware there are boys who will try to take advantage of them. Not all boys, but some.

There are also predators/monsters in the real world and online, enormous pressures around drugs and alcohol, and bullying (in recent weeks, a 10-year-old Illinois girl, Ashlynn Conner, hanged herself after being bullied at school). I know these things apply to boys as well, but I just think the implications are compounded for girls.

It's not that I don't trust my daughters. It's that I know what kids are like. I was one. Kids are kids, not adults. They will make mistakes. They will make bad decisions sometimes. There are so many peer pressures.

What I tell my girls is we're instantly accessible whenever they're in a bind. Text us, call us, tweet us — we'll be there. No questions. No judgments. (Well, questions *will* come later.)

Mobile devices are a blessing for this generation, allowing kids to be much more accessible to their parents if they're in harm's way. But adding social media to the mix does create more trigger points.

The extent of our bad "social media" growing up: crank calls and rolled-up pieces of paper (e.g., "Johnny loves Sarah") passed around class. Now there's the quick distribution of voyeuristic photos from a party that go "viral" and Mean Girl tactics ("You're fat," "You're ugly," "You're Stupid") that don't end in the schoolyard but continue on Facebook.

We let our daughters use social media — there are many virtues to it — but monitor it very closely.

Sure kids have to have some sense of forging an identity outside their parents. We will give ours some line. But my blinders will not be on. Denial and ignorance do no good. As parents, you have to anticipate and react. Particularly with girls.

My angels won't understand all the decisions we make until they have grown into women and parents.

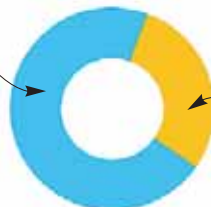
In the meantime, all we can do is protect them — and hopefully empower them at the same time.



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Individual debt is rising, savings are eroding and many young people have simply given up, staying home without looking for a job.

They are Italy's invisible poor, unseen by tourists, ignored by the country's fat-cat politicians and living in a reality that's a far cry from former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi's description of an affluent country where "the restaurants are full."

Or in the words of Francesca Zuccari, who runs a soup kitchen in Rome: "There is another city out there where people can't get to the end of the month."

This is the Italy facing Mario Monti, the economics professor tapped to form an interim technocratic government after Berlusconi was forced to resign.

On the one hand, Italy's elite manufacturers are girding for an increase in luxury exports and some wealthy Italians are looking to move their money into the real-estate markets in New York, Miami and Paris. On the other, the state statistics institute says almost 14 per cent of the population are living in "relative poverty."

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Local tweets



► **@tanya-davismusic:**
Every year NS

sends Boston a christmas tree in thanks for when Boston helped Halifax during the explosion. I like that.

► **@DuffJackie:** A beautiful sky over Halifax tonight. I almost missed it because I had my nose in an economics book.

► **@krisp131:** Rather bored-looking police guarding the steps at Grand Parade. #Halifax

► **@chelmac:** went to a businessy business conference

today that really didn't have anything to do with my job, tried my best to look and sound important

► **@lanNorwood:** Bus 81 Sackville bound driver: grumpy as hell. Wow #bustweet

► **@AmandaHGaeztz:** Saturday is looking nice so far for the Halifax Parade of Lights!! Oh how I love Christmas :)

► **@stephalifax:** Never stop and take pictures when you should be WALKING to the ferry!

► **@sbethyandunn:** Hi five sackville for the christmas decorations! #christmas



photo of the day

► This photo titled Prince's Island Park at Sunset was submitted to the Environment category by lindsay_j8 from Calgary.



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WEIRD NEWS

Trimming the cost of a haircut

One Ohio barber has turned the price of a haircut on its head.

After a mortgage crisis, macro-unemployment, stock-market tumbles and poor consumer confidence, Gregory Burnett is only charging people what they can afford for a haircut, according to the Canton Repository newspaper.

After his usual back-to-school rush failed to show, he put up a sign that says, "TIMES ARE HARD WHAT CAN YOU PAY FOR A CUT."

He has accepted as little as \$5 for a regular \$12 haircut, the newspaper reports.

The owner of Old School Barber Shop said he named his shop for that mantra.

"Old school is making something out of nothing," Burnett told the Repository.

The 56-year-old has been a working man all his life by doing service jobs: shining shoes, driving cabs, and for the last 25 years he has worked as a hairstylist and barber, the Repository says.

And now that he has his own barber shop, he still shines shoes. Although it's \$5, and that's non-negotiable.

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► Happy Feet Two dances into theatres this weekend.

Much ado about penguins

► From March of the Penguins to Farce of the Penguins to the return of Happy Feet, it's hard to toss a fish without hitting one at the movies ► But who is the most famous penguin of all?

IN FOCUS

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At the start of the animated penguin picture Surf's Up, Cody Maverick (the voice of Transformer's star Shia LaBeouf) takes a shot at another cartoon tuxedoed bird movie.

Asked if he has any other skills besides surfing, Cody sarcastically says, "Like what? Singing and dancing?"

Of course, he's referring to Happy Feet, the Oscar winning movie

about an Emperor Penguin who can't find his soul mate the usual way — through song — so he uses his other talent — tap dancing.

The musical penguins of Happy Feet shim shammed their way to huge box office in 2006, and will paddle and roll their way back into theatres again this weekend in Happy Feet Two.

For a while, it seemed like you couldn't swing a herring without hitting a penguin at the movies.

March of the Penguins, a real-life look at the migration march of Emperor penguins to their traditional breeding ground, was a left field hit in 2005. The winner for Best Docu-

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mentary not only outgrossed all the nominees for Best Picture that year — it took in \$77 million vs. \$75 million for Brokeback Mountain — but also became the second highest grossing theatrical documentary after Fahrenheit 9/11.

It was such a huge hit it inspired an R-rated parody, Farce of the Penguins. Featuring the voices of Samuel L. Jackson, Jason Alexander and Christina Applegate, it's an R-rated spoof that imagines what sex-starved penguins might talk about on the 70 mile walk to their mating grounds.

"I am tired of the club scene," says one penguin. "So are the baby seals!" replies another.

More family friendly was Madagascar, the story of four Central Park Zoo animals who get stranded on the island of Madagascar. The movie featured a large menagerie of characters, but the zoo's penguins, Skipper, Kowalski,

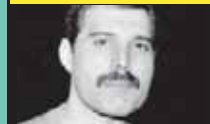
Rico and Private, proved to be audience favorites. They have most of the movie's best lines — on landing in Africa one of the flightless birds says, "Africa? That ain't gonna fly!" — and were featured in a short film, The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper, a TV series and video games.

Probably the most famous penguin character in the movies is Oswald Cobblepot a.k.a. The Penguin, as played by Danny DeVito in Batman Returns.

This super villain is human, but dresses like a penguin, eats raw fish and tries to conquer Gotham with an army of specially trained penguins.

2 scene

Queen



More than a dozen Canadians are still in the running to go on a tour organized by drummer Roger Taylor of the classic rock band Queen. He organized web auditions to find a five-piece cover band and three vocalists to perform classic Queen tunes. Lead singer, Freddie Mercury, shown, died in 1991.

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Fourth soundtrack to blockbuster Twilight saga brings romance with sadness

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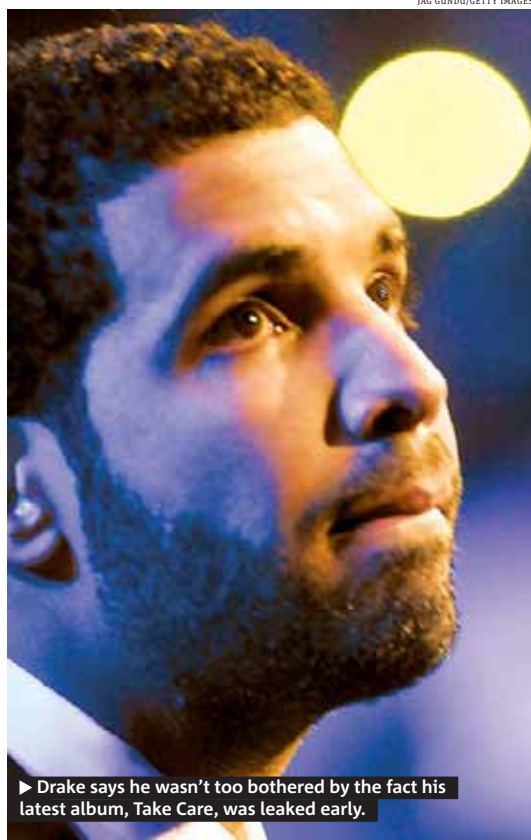
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Drake making sure to Take Care

► The Toronto rapper dishes on trying to prevent an album from leaking, A-list guest stars and balancing philosophy and party rhymes

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When Drake found out his latest album, *Take Care*, had leaked online a week before its release, he took to Twitter and in a very practical tone wrote to his four million followers, "Listen, enjoy it, buy it if you like it...and take care until next time."

This pragmatic response is telling of Drake's approach. On *Take Care*, he frequently raps about what he observes with a sense of both realism and optimism. This is present most in

songs like, *We'll Be Fine*, and *HYFR*, where he says, "I learned working with the negatives could make for a better picture."

Is it just a given that an album will always leak before it comes out, or do you actually try to figure out where the leak came from?

Nah. You know, my last album leaked like 28 days before it came out and that was kind of devastating. I don't know necessarily know how it happened but I feel that if leaks are somewhat contained — like if your album leaks six or seven days before it's supposed

to come out — I never see it as detrimental or that damaging.

First of all, I'm an artist that was birthed in the generation of leaks on the Internet, so I'm not really trippin' when the album comes out a little bit before the release date. But when people get it like two to three or four weeks before, that's when it's hard.

I mean, some music doesn't even last two weeks anymore. People's interest levels switch so quickly. I was cool with it though, to be honest, as cool as I could be. Obviously, I wish that they could all hear it at the same time, on the day that it drops, but I think that unfortunately with the access that everybody has to music, I think that's just unrealistic unless you drop solely digital, which affects your sales, so it's a toss-up.

You knew for more than a year that this album was going to be called *Take Care*.

How did you decide that so early on in the process?

We came up with it when we were touring in Europe with Jay-Z, and we were all on the bus together and we came up with this name, and as the months went on, it just got stronger and stronger. It just started having more meaning, more impact, and I started hear-

ing it more and realized that it's kind of an infectious title. I was pretty much sold on it. There was never a point where I was like, 'Oh, I need a new album title' or anything.

So the song *Take Care*, came later?

Yeah, the song just sort of made sense when I heard the Gil Scott-Heron record (the song samples Scott-Heron's *I'll Take Care of You*). The lyrics were right there, and obviously coinciding with the title was just like, 'Oh, I'll just make this the title track.'

You have a lot of guest stars on this album. There's Lil Wayne, Nicki Minaj, Rihanna and even Stevie Wonder. I was surprised that you didn't have Stevie sing and that he just played harmonica.

I think that the record, the way it was, was done already when he was listening to it. Vocally, we had tracked it out, and me and him have these other plans for a record where we sing together. We've been talking about it for a while now. And I thought this was more of an interesting way to incorporate him in the album, as almost like a musical contributor and a musical guide. He added some great things to that song and I thought that was cool as opposed to having a blatant feature.

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The diva vs. the baby

► Patti LaBelle accused of screaming at a toddler and punching its mother



► Patti LaBelle

THE WORD

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If you are a baby and happen to come across singer Patti LaBelle, it's best if you pull up your diaper, grab your rattle, and crawl right out of there.

It was disclosed yesterday in a lawsuit filed in Manhattan Supreme Court that the singer screamed obscenities at a toddler and threw a punch at the baby's mother (who also happens to be a school teacher) sometime this year.

The mother, Roseanna Monk, is now suing LaBelle, who was living in her Manhattan apartment building while appearing on Broadway's Fela. Apparently, this is what happened, according to Monk's lawyer, reports The New York Daily News: The 18-month-old toddler, named Genevieve, was "scampering" around the apartment building's lobby when LaBelle, who is described as being in "full star regalia with oversized shades and a fur coat" became upset at the baby as she walked through.

"What are you doing letting your kid run around like that?" she reportedly yelled. And then, according to the lawyer yet again, "started screaming at my client, throwing water from a bottle at the mother's face and the baby's face."

As if that wasn't enough, LaBelle then took a swing at the baby's mother.

She then was shoved into a waiting car by her entourage and the baby "violently" threw-up.

So far, LaBelle hasn't responded to the allegations.

She's probably too busy not-babysitting to do so.

And in other baby news...

Christina Applegate might not want to have LaBelle as a guest star on her TV show Up All Night anytime soon.

As she tells The View, having her nine-month-old daughter Sadie around was a priority when deciding to do the new NBC show.

"My whole thing was, 'I'm not doing this unless I can bring her.' So they had to build me a room for her and it's got her toys and a crib and she takes her naps there," the actress explained.

"That's called a crazy mother who said, 'No, I'm not doing anything unless I can be with my baby.'"

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► Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds

Could these two be any more good-looking?

SERIOUSLY. The romance between Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively appears to be going strong, as the pair stepped out in Boston's Back Bay neighbourhood for an intimate dinner at restaurant L'Espalier, according to People maga-

zine. "They started with caviar and oysters on the half shell, went on to clam chowder and beet salad. For entrees, a lobster and a halibut dish. And for dessert, a soufflé," a source says."

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Celebrity tweets



@CarrieFisher

The perfect place to read my book: A toilet in Austria.

@rainnwilson



Boston drivers: there's a thing called the 'Golden Rule'. Read up on it. Get back to me.

@JimCarrey



You know who I hate? Judgemental people. In my opinion they are worthless scum.

@AlecBaldwin



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Leo throws a party

Leonardo DiCaprio knows how to celebrate. For his 37th birthday, the J. Edgar star threw a lavish charity bash, raising \$1.3 million for his Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, which funds wildlife-protection projects and provides disaster relief to countries like Haiti, according to Hollyscoop. Guests at the party, held at New York's Avenue nightclub, included Robert De Niro, Naomi Campbell and Bradley Cooper. The next day, DiCaprio was reported-

ly back on a plane to Australia to finish filming the Great Gatsby.

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► Leonardo DiCaprio

Monster trucking in the tropics

► The Travellin' Canadian finds out there's a whole lot more to the Dominican Republic than sunshine

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The Dominican Republic has become a mecca for great beaches

and sunshine, but there's a whole lot more going on in the northern province of Puerto Plata.

Although more tourists still flock to the better known Punta Cana on the

Caribbean side, "Plata" is gaining ground due to its great beaches and resorts. Plus there's some pretty unorthodox, even way out, things happening — things you would not expect to find in such a sunny paradise.

Take monster trucking, for example. When I learned this redneck, '90s pastime had somehow made it to the Dominican, I just had to go for it. A short time later I found myself roaring through the back roads in an 8x8 zebra-striped beast on a very bumpy and very long monster truck safari!

Sure, the scenery was breathtaking: beautiful

sugarcane fields and serene rivers. Was I the only one thinking how out of place our monster truck must have appeared? Still, the monster truck did allow us to get to places where traditional vehicles couldn't make it, but we got more than a few odd stares while passing through local villages.

Eight hours, and one very sore back later, I was back on the beach contemplating my next adventure.

Bright and early the next morning it was down to the shores of the roaring Yaque Del North river for some very exciting white water rafting. I was full of adrena-



► Take in some breathtaking Dominican scenery from the seat of a monster truck.

lin as we battled the wild waters, which rivalled any rapids I've tackled in B.C. or Alberta.

The Dominican forests

were extra beautiful too, when we landed on a secluded section of the shore for a picnic lunch. Sun, beaches, bars and great re-

sorts are easy to find in Puerto Plata, but it's those less travelled adventures that can turn out to be extra exhilarating!



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The two sides of French Toast

► While this treat is usually drizzled with maple syrup, it can also be served in a savoury sandwich ► If you like sticking to classics, serve up a cinnamon spice version with apples

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Each bite of this Pizza Stuffed French Toast will give you the gooey taste of pizza in a sandwich. The egg and cheese mixture adds great flavour that kicks up a classic.

Preparation:

1 Lay bread slices on work surface and spread with pizza sauce. Top half with 1 slice of the mozzarella, then pepperoni, pepper and mushrooms, if using. Place remaining cheese on top. Top with remaining bread slices; set aside.

2 In shallow dish, whisk together eggs, milk, cheese, oregano, salt and pepper. Dip sandwiches into egg mixture, turning to soak up the egg mixture.

3 In non-stick skillet, melt butter over medium heat and cook sandwiches, turning once for about 4 minutes per side or until brown and crisp



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► This recipe makes four servings.

and cheese is melted.

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Ingredients:

- 10 slices (1/2 inch/1 cm thick) Italian loaf
- 1/3 cup (80 mL) pizza sauce
- 35 slices pepperoni

- Half green pepper, thinly sliced
- 3 mushrooms, thinly sliced (optional)
- 10 slices mozzarella
- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup (80 mL) milk

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried oregano leaves
- Pinch each salt and pepper
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) butter

Cinnamon Spice French Toast with Maple Syrup Apples

The combination of spice flavours makes this French toast a family favourite. With the extra special touch of the maple syrup apples, you are sure to enjoy this for breakfast or brunch any weekend.

Preparation:

1 In large bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, cardamom, if using, nutmeg, ginger and

Tip

Make ahead

You can make the Maple Syrup Apples up to 3 days ahead. Cover and refrigerate, then warm to serve.

cloves until well combined.

2 In large non-stick skillet heat oil over medium heat. Dip bread, 2 slices at a time in the egg mixture. Place in skillet and cook about 3 minutes then flip and cook for about 1 minute or until

golden brown. Remove from skillet to a large platter; cover with foil and keep warm.

3 Maple Syrup Apples: Meanwhile, in large non-stick skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add apples and stir to coat with but-

ter. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and cook for 3 minutes. Uncover and cook, stirring occasionally for 2 minutes or until liquid evap-

orates. Stir in maple syrup and cinnamon; increase heat to medium-high. Cook, stirring occasionally for 2 minutes or until tender.

4 Serve French toast with apples.

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► This recipe makes six servings.

Drink of the week

Hail Caesar

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- 1.5 oz bourbon whisky
- 6 dashes Tabasco Sauce
- 6 dashes Worcestershire sauce
- .25 oz lemon juice
- dash of olive brine
- Orange slices
- Clamato, to top

In a highball rimmed with Jamaican jerk spice and filled with ice, add all ingredients but Clamato.

Top with Clamato, and stir. **JOE HOWELL, TORONTO-BASED MIXOLOGIST AND BARTENDER**





7 ways to give your career some direction

► Erin Millar and Ben Coli walk students through their post-secondary journey in The Canadian Campus Connection ► We combed the book to find top tips to help you improve your job prospects



There is more to school than academics

Employers are more impressed with someone who does well in school and outside of it than someone who can boast great marks with no extra-curriculars to show for it. Getting involved on campus demonstrates many traits that are desirable in employers' eyes — time management skills and the ability to multi-task and meet deadlines. It indicates that you possess an interest in the world around you.

Plan your career path before you graduate

You shouldn't be expected to know where you want to work when you've only just started university or college. But it's a good idea to make an appointment with your adviser, even if it is to double-check that you're fulfilling your program's requirements. The last thing you want is to discover you have to reschedule your classes or stay back a semester to complete a course.

Get to know your professors

You may not love your class. But getting to know your professor could save your career. If you face the common struggle of finding a job after you graduate, your professor could become the strongest reference on your resumé. Who knows you better than the person who saw you every week in class, read your papers and evaluated your work ethic firsthand? And you'll be more interested in what wisdom he or she has to share.

Fun electives can boost your resumé

How can a hiring manager forget the promising candidate who, in addition to earning strong marks and joining several clubs, completed a course in video game addiction and the history of gaming at the University of Western Ontario or learned about swing and golf etiquette at Medicine Hat College?

Stay healthy — it's important

When it comes down to it, your health matters most. Don't pull an all-nighter, stock up on coffee or force yourself to attend your weekly gym class if you're sick. Stress can take a toll on your health and can create an impact that goes well into your graduate years. Most post-secondary institutions offer a plethora of ways for you to go above preventing illness and into maintaining a healthy state of life.

You don't have to choose between university and college

Some programs combine the hands-on, practical experience of college with the theory-based, analytical side of university. Those aspiring to be nurses can opt for a college diploma focusing on skills and experience or a more academic degree from a university. These programs increase a graduate's appeal among employers as their education demonstrates they can thrive in both settings.

Don't underestimate the power of your network

You've heard it and you'll hear it again: It's not what you know, it's whom you know. It's essential that you possess a strong work ethic and a passion for what you do, but you'll likely find after graduation that this doesn't seem to be enough to find a job. The friends you make, the people you meet and the advisers you work with on campus can all help you find a job or put you in touch with the right person.

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Community offers the best of both worlds

► Bedford once listed as one of best places to live in Canada by Maclean's magazine ► Many new amenities

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Tim Outhit didn't spend a long time looking for a place to live when he moved back to Nova Scotia from New Brunswick 11 years ago. He chose Bedford right away.

"I grew up in Halifax so I had always known that Bedford was a great place," he recalls. But a little independent confirmation never hurts either.

"At that time, there had just been an article in Maclean's that listed the best places to live in Canada, and Bedford and Oakville, Ont., had come out on top. I was sold."

Outhit admits that he and his wife were primarily thinking about their young children when they made the move to Bedford in 2000 — a decision swayed by Bedford's great schools and quiet neighbourhoods. "But it's been a great choice for us, too," he says. "We love it here."



► Bedford's Dewolf Park is one of the best places to enjoy the Basin and views of Halifax.

Today, Outhit represents the Bedford area on HRM city council. He says his favourite neighbourhood is only getting better with age.

"It's growing like crazy. We're getting all kinds of amenities. We've got the new Larry Uteck Inter-

change, the 4 Pad, pool upgrades, the new sports field. But even with the population increase and the amenities, Bedford still has a main street, small town feel. We've really got the best of both worlds here."

Outhit takes pride in

what he has been able to accomplish so far in his mandate, particularly in regards to improved amenities and infrastructure, but says it's time to start focusing on a new issue in the community.

"We really need improvements to public

transit in Bedford," he says. He is looking at two possible solutions — a dayliner-style commuter train using existing CN rail lines and a high-speed ferry service that would whisk commuters across Bedford Basin to downtown Halifax.

"Conventional buses need wider roads and they need a driver for every 50 or so passengers. Right now, we've got empty rails and an empty Basin just waiting to be used. And the refurbished dayliners that are coming out of Moncton only cost around the price of a bus and a half."

The other issue that needs to be addressed is waterfront development, says Outhit.

"Bedford has one of the most beautiful waterfronts in HRM, but it's not being fully used. A lot of people would like to see another park along the Basin. People like the idea of walking along the wa-

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terfront, they want to make use of it as a recreation area but they don't want it to end up looking like Manhattan with development right down to the water's edge. That's one of the challenges we really have to deal with over the next few years."

Bedford Players a labour of love

Volunteers give up evenings, weekends to stage two productions per year Group also supports local charities



The curtain closed on the Bedford Players' successful production of Noel Coward's *Private Lives* last weekend. But that doesn't mean the popular amateur theatre company is resting on its laurels.

It has already started to get ready for the next production, Pat Cook's *It's Murder in the Wings!*, which will be staged in spring 2012.

"It's already in the planning stages," says Bedford Players president Karen Waterfield.

"Kim Shaw, the director of the play, has already started working on it. We won't be holding auditions until spring, but there's a lot to do before that to get ready."



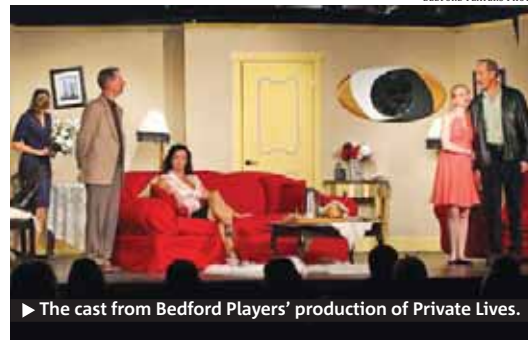
► The cast from Bedford Players' production of *Busybody*.

Bedford Players is a labour of love for about 100 volunteers, who give up evenings and weekends to stage two productions per year. The group used to focus on musicals, but the logistics became too prohibitive, according to Waterfield.

"Musicals require a lot more money, the rights are expensive to acquire

and you need a lot of people to stage them properly."

Today, the company concentrates on smaller drama and comedy works, but each production still requires the talents of a host of volunteers to pull off. Everyone from set designers and actors to people manning the ticket booths.



► The cast from Bedford Players' production of *Private Lives*.

Don't be fooled by how easy it looks, says Waterfield.

"The part a lot of people don't think about are the skills required to make these productions a reality. We have some very talented stagecraft and technical people who make it work. Building a set is very different from a regular construction job.

"It's a lot of tape, fog and mystique."

The Bedford Players are entirely supported by ticket sales.

The group also chooses one local charity per production to support, with \$1 from each ticket sold going to that charity. "Eighty-five per cent of our revenue ends up back in the community," says Waterfield.

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**BEDFORD PLAYERS PRESIDENT
KAREN WATERFIELD**

Gearing up for holidays

It might not look much like Christmas in Bedford yet, but that's about to change in the coming weeks.

The popular annual Light UP Bedford Parade winds its way through town Sunday at 5:45 pm.

Sunnyside Mall is also gearing up for the holidays with tax free shopping events Friday and Dec. 9, with a chance to win a \$1,000 shopping spree at the mall.

Santa Claus himself will be making his annual appearance at Sunnyside Mall.

The venerable old elf will be arriving at Sunnyside Mall (1595 Bedford Highway) Nov. 26 at 10:30 a.m. and will be hanging around until Dec. 23. **TOM MASON**

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Explore the past at Scott Manor House

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The house, built by its original owner Joseph Scott shortly after Halifax was founded in 1749, is a beautiful example of a modest Georgian home with its original

mortarless chimney, hand-hewn floorboards and gambrel roof.

Scott Manor House is also the start of the Fort Sackville Walkway, a five-kilometre trail that follows the Sackville River through downtown Bedford to the Fultz House Museum in Sackville — the first pedestrian walkway to connect the communities of Bedford and Sackville. **TOM MASON**



It's a piece of the forest primeval in the centre of one of Halifax's most rapidly growing urban areas. Hemlock Ravine is one of the city's most beautiful natural parks

The highlight of the park is the ravine itself, a deep river valley. Hemlock groves are lush, dark, rain-forest-like places and Hemlock Ravine is no exception.

The forest in the ravine is virgin growth — one of a handful of hemlock groves left in Nova Scotia, and a rare chance to see what much of the local forest looked like at the time of the founding of Halifax. Trees standing here were alive before the city of Halifax existed.

The deep valley of the ravine has the characteristic V shape of a young valley. In the next few



► The heart-shaped pond known as Julie's Pond in Hemlock Ravine was once part of a large pleasure garden on the Halifax estate of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent.

thousand years, by a process known as "mass wasting," the walls of the valley will erode into the more familiar U shape of most valleys.

A number of other trails criss-cross the park, making it a wonderful place to jog, hike, picnic, study nature or explore. Hemlock Ravine is a popular cross-

country skiing destination in winter and it's also a great place to observe birds and wildlife, including the occasional deer.

The park is located at the site where Prince Edward, the son of King George III and the father of Queen Victoria, built a palatial estate at the end of the 18th century. The

main entrance starts at a parking lot at the end of Kent Street beside a heart-shaped pond known as Julie's Pond.

The common story is that Prince Edward had the pond made for his beloved partner Julie St. Laurent, but it was actually built in that shape long after the couple had left the estate.

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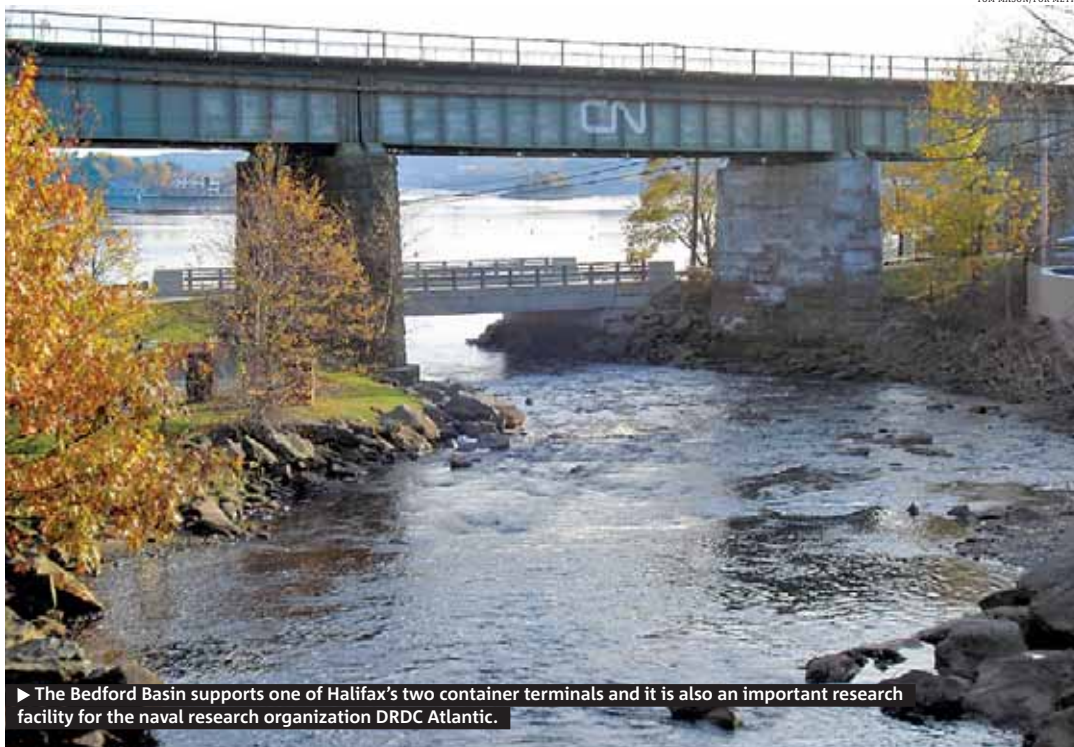
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► The Bedford Basin supports one of Halifax's two container terminals and it is also an important research facility for the naval research organization DRDC Atlantic.

Long connected to water



Life in Bedford has long been connected to its namesake body of water. Bedford Basin is a major source of recreation for the community, the site of the Bedford Basin Yacht Club and a backdrop for several area parks. But the Basin has a history that stretches back long before the community was founded.

In the 1990s, scientists at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO) discovered the remains of a waterfall from the days

when Bedford Basin was a large freshwater lake and an extension of the Sackville River. Five thousand years ago, probably during a vicious storm, the sea suddenly broke through and flooded the river, creating the saltwater basin that exists there today.

BIO scientist Gordon Fader, who spearheaded the Basin exploration project, believes native villages may have been submerged by the event like some mini Atlantis.

As the world wars raged in Europe, Bedford Basin became a huge mar-

shalling yard for convoys of ships that kept Britain supplied with goods, weapons and Canadian soldiers.

Throughout the wars, the Basin was packed with hundreds of ships waiting their turn to join a convoy. It was a role that Halifax paid dearly for in 1917, when a munitions ship packed with explosives collided in the harbour narrows with a Belgian relief ship, sparking the deadliest explosion before the atomic bomb.

Today, the Bedford Basin supports one of Halifax's two container termi-

nals and it is also an important research facility for the naval research organization DRDC Atlantic. The familiar blue and green shed anchored in Mill Cove — a fixture for commuters for a couple of generations — is part of that research.

Known as the Acoustic Calibration Barge, the floating shed has a large hole cut in its centre, a place where scientists can test equipment in sea water under warm, dry conditions before taking their experiment onto the high seas aboard DRDC's research vessel Quest.



BICYCLES PLUS CYCLING CLUB PHOTO

► The Bicycles Plus Cycling Club has become famous for its Saturday morning rides.

Riding season is still going strong

Think it's time to put the bikes away for another year? Think again.

According to Cynthia Fry at the Bicycles Plus Cycling Club in Bedford, the riding season is still going strong.

"Last Saturday was one of the coldest days of the year so far and we had 20 riders out," says Fry. "We have a few diehards that keep riding all winter."

The Bicycles Plus Club has become famous for its Saturday morning

rides that often see dozens of club members participating.

"We have 188 members right now," says Fry.

"We get a full range of riders. Some are serious racers or touring riders, others just want to go for a Saturday morning ride. It's an eclectic group."

The Bicycles Plus Bicycle Club also hosts a Wednesday evening ride that is popular, particularly in the warmer months. ● TOM MASON

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The Baltimore Orioles are going retro in 2012, bringing back the cartoon bird for their caps as part of a uniform change for the upcoming season.

The new cartoon bird head utilizes elements from the 1970 and 1983 versions. The home cap will feature the bird head on a white front panel with a black back and orange bill and button. The road caps will feature the bird on black with an orange bill and button.

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Re-evaluation begins at SMU

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► Huskies reviewing entire football program after run of four straight titles ends ► Sumarah calls dominant O-Line the biggest key to success



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A fine line — offensive line, that is — separates contenders from pretenders in university football, according to Steve Sumarah.

“Your top offensive line recruits are flat out the hardest thing to find,” said the Saint Mary’s Huskies head coach. “You might be able to get one. You might be lucky in a year and get two. But to get three or four top-notch O-Line recruits in a year? That’s considered phenomenal.”

The Huskies, whose run of four straight Atlantic University Sport titles came to an end on Saturday, had a young offensive line that returns all but Bryan Jordan. Third-year all-star Guillaume Gagnier, as well as Nick Arment, Riley Brown and Matt Albright, highlight the group.

Recruiting at that position is more competitive than any other, Sumarah said.

“You just have to find the biggest, strongest, toughest guys out there,” Sumarah said. “It’s the No. 1 priority. Then the quarterback has time to throw, then you can run the ball. Everything is based around it.”

Saint Mary’s went 6-2 this season before falling 39-20 to the Kyle Graves-led Acadia Axemen in the

“Because we had so many injuries, our depth this year has been as good as its ever been. More guys played than we ever even imagined would play.”

HUSKIES COACH STEVE SUMARAH

Loney Bowl. While Sumarah didn’t go so far as to say complacency had set in for the Huskies, he said the loss forces a thorough analysis of what the program might be doing wrong.

“Sometimes when you’re winning and continuing to win, you lose perspective of all the important things that helped you get there,” Sumarah said. “This gives us an opportunity to throw everything out there and see what’s going well for us and what isn’t.”

Sumarah is pleased with the development of both of his quarterbacks, with late-season starter Jack Creighton entering his fifth year and Jesse Mills taking five career starts into his sophomore campaign.

They’ll duke it out for the starting job in 2012, while Sumarah is looking to add some talented receivers to help them out. He’ll also need to replace his graduating all-star backfield of Craig Leger



► Saint Mary’s running back Devon Jones dives in for a touchdown against Acadia on Saturday. Jones is one of the Huskies’ most notable graduates.

Leaving the pack

Key losses for the Huskies next season:

- RB Craig Leger
- RB Devon Jones
- DL Dan Schutte
- DB Bryce Fisher
- LB Aaron Crawford
- OL Brandon Jordan

and Devon Jones.

“We’re just gonna hash it out, make a plan, see where we’re going, what we like, what we’re happy with, and go from there,” Sumarah said.

Revenge on the agenda in Calgary

Blake Nill’s Calgary Dinos can settle a score in Friday’s Mitchell Bowl.

The Dinos, fresh off their fourth straight Hardy Cup win as Canada West football champions, host the Laval Rouge et Or at 10:30 p.m. (live, TSN) in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport semifinals.

The top-ranked Rouge et Or (10-1) hammered the second-ranked Dinos (9-1) by a 29-2 margin in last year’s Vanier Cup. Nill, Calgary’s head coach, won two Vanier Cups with the Saint Mary’s Huskies.

In the other semifinal, the Atlantic University Sport champion Acadia Axemen (9-1, ranked ninth) host the No. 4 McMaster Marauders (9-1) at Moncton Stadium at 7:30 p.m. (TSN) in the Uteck Bowl. ● METRO

Marchand rolls along in Bruins’ win over Devils

ELISE AMENDOLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Benoit Pouliot scored the tiebreaking goal with 3:01 left in the third period to give the Boston Bruins a 4-3 victory over the New Jersey Devils last night and send the defending Stanley Cup champions to their sixth consecutive win.

Hammonds Plains’s Brad Marchand scored for the third straight game and Boston as climbs out of bot-

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tom of the Eastern Conference and into the race for playoff position. The Bruins have 34 goals in their past

six games.

Nick Palmieri scored twice and David Clarkson added a single for the Devils, who had won four of their past five.

Chris Kelly and Shawn Thornton also scored for the Bruins. But it was still 3-3 when Pouliot knocked in the rebound of Rich Peverley’s shot from the blue line. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► Bruins, from left, Patrice Bergeron, Brad Marchand and Tyler Seguin celebrate Marchand’s goal in Boston last night.

No open season on goalies

- In wake of Lucic-Miller incident, NHL GMs call for more goaltender protection
- Next player to hit a netminder outside of the crease will likely face harsher penalties

The next player to hammer a goaltender outside of his crease isn't likely to get off as easily as Milan Lucic.

A discussion among the league's 30 general managers yesterday produced a strong consensus that goalies need to be better protected — even when they stray from their own goal to play the puck. That's exactly what Buffalo's Ryan Miller was doing on Saturday night when he suffered a concussion after taking a hit from Lucic.

The Sabres were outraged that the only punishment given to the Boston Bruins forward on the play was a two-minute minor for charging. But Buffalo GM Darcy Regier left yesterday's meeting believing that the next offender would be dealt with more harshly.

"Based on our conversations in the room, I personally believe (he) would be," said Regier.

NHL disciplinarian Brendan Shanahan spoke with Lucic on Monday but decided against suspending him because he didn't feel that he had the latitude under the current rules to do it. The Bruins forward claimed not to have run into Miller on purpose.

After learning yesterday that roughly two-thirds of GMs would have preferred to see a suspension in the case, Shanahan acknowledged that his mandate had been altered.



► Bruins and Sabres players scuffle as Sabres goalie Ryan Miller gets up after being decked by the Bruins' Milan Lucic on Saturday. The league is looking to crack down on similar hits.

"I think there's certainly a very heightened sensitivity to the goalies and the future of all the goalies in this league," he said. "Certainly they're not fair game. I think that players have to understand that. The general managers expressed to me the impor-

tance of all the players on the ice but also the extreme importance of the goaltender in that position.

"So I do think that's something as a message to the players around the league, if anybody does think that it's a tactic and

a tactic that is a smart gamble on their part, it won't be."

The former NHL star has been busy since replacing Colin Campbell in the off-season and used yesterday's meeting as a chance to have an open discussion about some of his deci-

sions so far. Among the controversial plays he highlighted during a video presentation was the hit by Rangers forward Wojtek Wolski on Ottawa Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson that went unpunished.

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Verlander unanimous pick for Cy Young

There was little question Justin Verlander would unanimously win the AL Cy Young Award. Now, the far more intriguing question: Will he take the MVP, too?

"Do I think it's possible? Yes. Would I like to win it? Of course," he said during a conference call. "It's kind of a weird scenario."

No starting pitcher has won the MVP trophy since Roger Clemens in 1986, with Dennis Eckersley the

"Since the end of the season, people have been saying that the Cy Young is wrapped up."

JUSTIN VERLANDER

last reliever to get it in 1992. Many say pitchers shouldn't win the MVP, period, contending they already have their own award.

But Verlander's season — he won the pitching version of the Triple Crown, led Detroit to its first divi-

sion crown in 24 years and drew every first-place vote yesterday in the Cy Young race — has ratcheted up the debate in a crowded MVP field that includes Curtis Granderson, Jacoby Ellsbury, Jose Bautista, Miguel Cabrera and more.

"Pitchers are on the bal-

lot," Verlander said. Bolstering the case for all pitchers, Verlander pointed to the "tremendous effect we have on the day of our game."

"I'm so different from everybody," he said.

If he doesn't win, Verlander said he'd like to see Granderson, his former teammate, get the award.

Verlander breezed to the Cy Young, much the way the Tigers' ace humbled hitters with his 100 m.p.h.

fastball, sharp curve and wicked slider.

Verlander led the majors in wins by going 24-5 and topped baseball with 250 strikeouts. His 2.40 ERA was the best among AL pitchers who qualified for the title.

The 28-year-old righty was listed on top on all 28 ballots by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America and finished with 196 points.

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Sports in brief



Coach K sets Division I wins record

NCAA. Mike Krzyzewski became Division I's all-time winningest coach when Duke beat Michigan State 74-69 last night in the State Farm Champions Classic.

The Blue Devils gave Coach K his 903rd win, breaking a tie with Bob Knight, Krzyzewski's college coach at Army and his mentor throughout his professional career.

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Reunion for Woods

GOLF. The Presidents Cup will start with a reunion between Tiger Woods and his ex-caddie.

U.S. captain Fred Couples and International captain Greg Norman, hopeful of putting an end to a three-month saga of Woods and Steve Williams, put them together in the last of six foursomes matches in the opening session tomorrow.

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NBA players file lawsuits

LOCKOUT. Locked-out NBA players including Carmelo Anthony and Kevin Durant filed class-action antitrust lawsuits against the league yesterday in at least two states, moving pro basketball's labour dispute from the negotiating table to federal court.

Attorney David Boies, who represented the NFL during that sport's work stoppage and now has been brought aboard by basketball's players, said the NBA lockout violates antitrust laws by refusing to allow players to work. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Engine

The 2012 ZL1's supercharged 6.2-litre V-8 — a variation of the engines found in the Corvette ZR1 and Cadillac CTS-V — is mated to a six-speed manual transmission and dynos at 580 horsepower and 556 pound-feet of torque. This makes it the most powerful production Camaro ever built and, Chevrolet proclaims, will be the most powerful Chevy droptop ever.

The ZL1 constitutes much more than just unbridled horsepower, but represents a thoroughly sorted out performance platform where nearly every component has been beefed up or completely redesigned to handle the engine's hefty output.

Cabin

Both driver and their front passenger should have no problems stretching out inside the Camaro's generously sized cabin with its power-adjustable heated leather seats with grippy suede-like inserts. They'll also appreciate the sounds from the dual-mode exhaust system that becomes freer flowing (and louder) when the driver opens the taps a bit.

Suspension

The ZL1's suspension employs GM's Magnetic Ride Control, which uses special shock dampers that constantly vary the degree of firmness, according to road and driving conditions.

There are also Tour (soft) and Sport (firmer) settings that the driver can dial in. Most of the remaining suspension components have either been strengthened or swapped out.



► Often when companies dig out sacred names from the past, they're stuck to inferior cars that disappoint. Not here.



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Pony power

It's your move, Mustang and Challenger. The new Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 has got your number, or more correctly, has beaten your best horsepower numbers ... by a lot.

How does the high-performance ZL1 coupe and convertible square with

General Motors' greenification program of introducing fuel-sipping electrics, hybrids plus a couple of new ankle-biter sub-compacts?

Well, the eco trend is definitely here to stay, but at the opposite end of the oil

barrel, GM's cornerstone division isn't neglecting its involvement in the muscle/ponycar bracket. Although relatively small, the pedal-to-the-metal gun-fighter class remains unequivocal in its No Imports Allowed policy.

And in this club the numero uno bylaw states that horsepower rules and absolute horsepower rules absolutely, or at least until another club member ups the ante and overthrows the leader.

The 2011 edition of the Chevrolet Camaro's SS model was rated at 426 horsepower and was certainly nothing to be sneezed at.

But it couldn't catch a cold next to the Dodge Challenger's SRT8 392 that generated 470 horses from its 6.4-litre "Hemi" V-8 engine. That goes double for Ford Mustang-based Shelby GT500's 550 ponies that emanate from a supercharged 5.4-litre V-8.

With bragging rights on the line, you just had to know that Chevrolet would eventually retaliate.

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Hyundai hoping for a Super Bowl victory

► Automaker aims to raise brand awareness with five TV spots airing before and during big game broadcast

Hyundai Motor Co. is hoping that five television spots before and during the Feb. 5 Super Bowl game will help to bolster its rising brand recognition and con-

tinue big sales gains from the past few years.

North American CEO John Krafcik says the fast-growing brand is working on a 60-second spot that

will run right before kick-off, plus two ads on the pregame show and two during the first and third quarters of the game.

He wouldn't say how

much the Korean automaker is spending on the ads, which will compete with the most creative spots American companies have to offer during one of televi-

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► Pedestrians walk past a Hyundai dealership in Seoul, South Korea last month. The automaker has big plans for its advertising during the upcoming Super Bowl broadcast.

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Last year Super Bowl ads cost companies about \$3 million for 30 seconds.

Chrysler Group LLC's two-minute spot featuring rapper Eminem was among those that created the most Super Bowl buzz last year, and it helped kick off what has been a strong sales year for the recovering company. The cinematic third-quarter ad showed Eminem driving through Detroit and introduced a new car, the Chrysler 200 sedan, amid gritty scenes of the city. A voiceover talked about how the city has survived going through "hell and back."

Krafcik said Hyundai hopes to have standout spots as well, but it will focus more on a brand message rather than going for entertainment value.

"We're competing with Doritos and Pepsi and Anheuser-Busch," he said Friday at an auto show briefing for reporters at a technical centre near Ann

545K

Hyundai has had huge sales growth in a lacklustre U.S. auto market. Through October, the company has sold more than 545,000 vehicles, already passing last year's record sales of 538,000, according to Autodata Corp.

Arbor, Mich. "Those are tough competitors from an entertainment point of view."

Hyundai, he said, might have a little more fun with its ads this year and try to make them more memorable than in the past. But it's also trying to sway about a third of the auto market that has a neutral view of the brand, which sells the Elantra compact, Sonata midsize car and Tucson crossover SUV, among other models.

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► The iQ doesn't weigh all that much, so the 94-horsepower engine feels stronger, relatively speaking.

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Final-gen GM minivans should offer reliability

SECOND GEAR



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For many shoppers, the minivan delivers the ultimate in bang-for-the-buck when it comes to moving a family around.

At General Motors, the Chevrolet Uplander and Pontiac Montana SV6 were the most recent offerings to the minivan-seeking masses.

Though cosmetically different, the underlying hardware in the Uplander and Montana were basically identical.

The following information, therefore, applies to both.

2005 to 2009 Pontiac Montana/Chevrolet Uplander



► 2005 Pontiac Montana SV6

Engine

Power came from one of two V-6 engines: a 3.5-litre with 200 horsepower, or a 3.9-litre with 240. A four-speed automatic transmission was standard and All Wheel Drive was available.



What owners like

Most owners report a comfortable highway ride, smooth performance, plenty of interior space and a flexible cargo and passenger compartment layout. Gas mileage is rated strongly, relatively speaking.



What owners dislike

Complaints tend to include interior squeaking, rattling and trim wear as the vehicles age, as well as bland and uninspired styling.



Common issues

Problems stated with the newer GM minivan powerplants seem few and far between — and are mainly sensor related. If the engine and transmission's service requirements have been adhered to, if it runs smoothly and if no "check engine" lights are illuminated, you're well on your way. Be sure to "feel" for any transmission slipping — and avoid any model that exhibits it.

Avoid models with power sliding doors. These can be an expensive hassle when they fail.

Verdict

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STILL KICKING: STICK SHIFT NOT DEAD YET

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"Stick shift" vehicles have been in steady decline. Currently they represent only about five to seven per cent of the North American new-vehicle market.

That steep of a decline could suggest a zero market share might soon be in the cards.

But it appears that the shifter survivor percentage has hardened into a small, dense core, very much willing and prepared to stand its ground — like a cornered groundhog, overly angry and muscled by steroid use.

OK bad analogy, but you get my point.

Stick shifts have had four traditional advantages: always cheaper, always more fun, always more fuel efficient, and always more zip (acceleration and top speed).

But the new crop of automatic transmissions has turned the tables when it comes to efficiency and zip.

Traditional-type automatic transmissions used to have three or four gears.

Now they have more gears than most manuals. Chrysler's new automatic has eight.

We're also seeing more use of the Constant Velocity Transmissions (CVT) and the twin-clutch transmission.

The former has no gears, and as such, is compact, light, and can be tailored for optimum efficiency.

The latter is hard to explain (for me at least), but makes uses of two clutches — one for odd-numbered gears and one for even-numbered gears.

It can go from gear to gear in the blink of eye, because the subsequent gear is already "pre-engaged" and only needs a nod from a computer to

get busy.

They can shift faster than any human hand could, and their speed is increased by the fact that they don't need a suspension of torque to get their shift completed (hence no torque converter).

Twin-clutch transmissions are rapidly becoming the transmission of choice for performance vehicles, even for such racey marques as Ferrari, BMW and Porsche.

"Our take rate on manual transmissions is way down," says Laurance Yap, director of marketing, Porsche Cars Canada.

He adds that, ironically, Europeans are leading the way with automatic transmissions.

Europeans have histori-

cally snubbed their noses at lazy automatics, but they have fallen in love with the sportier "twin clutch" design.

Across the 911 model line in Germany, for example, Yap notes that 75 to 80 per cent are sold with PDK. (PDK is a short form for the company's twin clutch — Porsche Doppelkupplung. Just try saying that correctly in German without hurting yourself.)

The Canadian "take rate" for 911 models with PDK is only 50 per cent. Go figure: we like manual transmissions more than the Autobahn enabled Germans.

Which brings us back to our angry groundhog.

Manual transmissions

will continue to have a life, even in this era where they are technologically trumped, because they are simply more engaging and fun for a certain tribe of driver.

The Cadillac CTS-V and the upcoming Mazda MX-5 are two examples of new vehicles that are making "statements" by offering a manual transmission — they are signalling that they are ready to emotionally engage a driver so inclined.

Actually, as vehicles become increasingly sophisticated and computerized, the manual transmission will have an increasing important role — to regain some of that lost emotional connection to the mechanical beast within.

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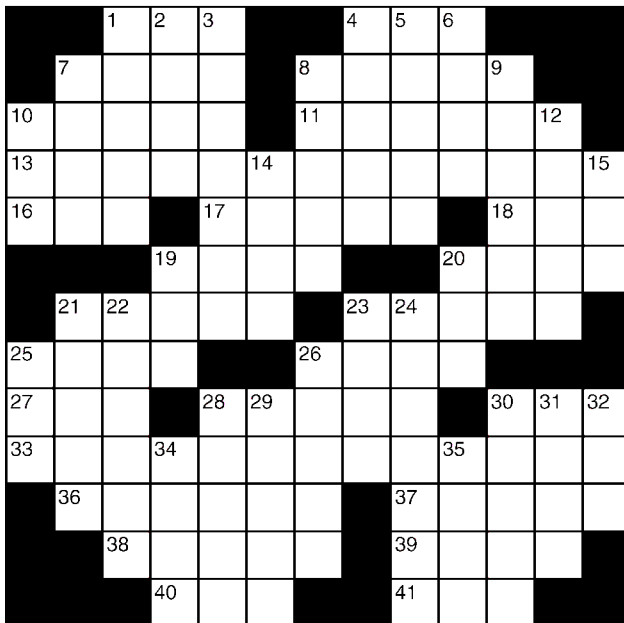
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Across

- 1 "Bam!"
4 Altar affirmative
7 Consequently
8 Dodge
10 Decorate
11 Eateries
13 Good thing with a bad element
16 Pigpen
17 Beethoven's "Für —"
18 Slithery squeezer
19 Chow
20 Galley supply
21 Nervous
23 Move laterally
25 Humdinger
26 Finished
27 — Baba
28 Accumulate
30 Witticism
33 Ambivalence of a sort
36 Sir Isaac who developed a shorthand method
37 Finish
38 Archaeologists' meccas
39 Best pocket pair
40 "Monty Python" opener
41 Beavers' creation

Down

- 1 Substitute
2 Shrek is one
3 Is curious (about)
4 Wall-climbing plants
5 Thickly populated
6 Mined-over matters
7 Rewrite, maybe
8 Forgo the cue cards
9 — Council ("Survivor" meeting)
10 Mornings (Abbr.)
12 Sleep soundly?
14 Sad
15 Petrol
19 Wildebeest
20 Praise in verse
21 Dutch flower
22 Panacea
23 Mediocre
24 As an alternative
25 Felon's flight
26 Curses
28 Fess up



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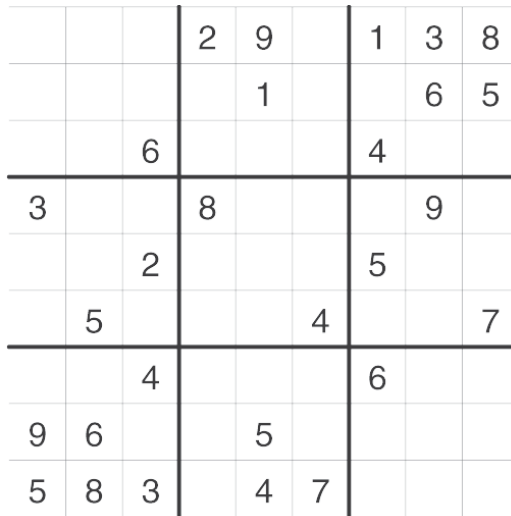
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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You won't lack for courage or confidence today, but make sure they are both well directed.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you promised to do something for a loved one then you must see it through to completion.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Don't waste precious time thinking of what might have been. Start being amazing today. Live for now.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 The planets suggest that if you make an effort, the results will astonish you.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Don't waste time worrying about whether or not you are doing the right thing. If it feels right to you, that's all that matters.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If there is something you should have finished but never got round to completing, have a second crack at it.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You can sense that if you want to make changes now is the time to get busy. So don't wait, get to it.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 With Mars and your ruler Jupiter on good terms over the next 24 hours, you can overcome fears.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't waste time on tasks that can be done with your brain stuck in neutral. Be bold and brilliant.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 What you start over the next two or three days will bring great success in the very near future.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. It'll be easy to lose your sense of perspective in the next 24 hours. Control emotions. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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How to play

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6	3	7	1	9	4	5	8	2
9	5	2	8	3	6	1	4	7
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Yesterday's answer ▶

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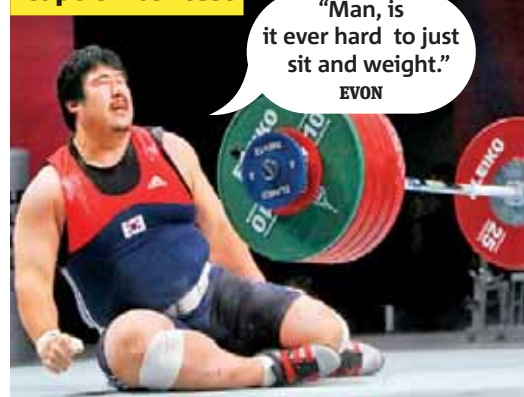
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